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## Letter from Adeline Manning, Brooklyn, New York, to Anne Whitney, 1873 October 18

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Brooklyn

Oct 18. 73

Saturday night, & pretty well tired, at the  
end of a week pleasantly spent. I  
saw that there was no letter for me on  
Tuesday, just in time not to put my  
hand out when they were brought in.  
& then I knew that none would come till  
Thursday. - & yet when the post man  
<sup>on Wednesday</sup> rang, I went to the door, saying, you know  
~~that~~ you don't expect a letter you are much  
more likely to get one, & you certainly do  
not expect one today, therefore - taking  
the letters - none. Well, it seemed very  
right for my expectation, & the letter  
that came the next day was worth  
waiting for, my own beloved.

How will it turn out about the means?  
I wonder. I wish we had a home. &  
what do you think? I am beginning to  
wish it were an apartment. This is my  
latest ideal. Three bedrooms & a par-  
lor & kitchen - <sup>& close roomy</sup> with hot & cold water,  
in a healthy & quiet street for \$800.

so that we could afford to pay sufficient wages to secure a good woman & feed & lodge her. Furniture as scant & simple as possible. Apartment entered by a private door; not as in 17 South Russell St. all opening on public entries. This is probably as difficult as impossible a thing to find as any thing else we have thought of: but it will entertain you to know the state of my mind.

Yesterday I was in New York, & found one picture of the Admiral, not very satisfactory, but I think I can get one or two thus, by ordering them. Tribland exists no longer, neither where you directed me, nor in the direction. But the Metropolitan Art Museum does exist, & how I wished you were with me, as I went through the rooms, amazed with wonder at the foreign air it had. I did not exactly think I was in the Louvre, or seen in the Kensington Museum; but in a good many



instances it was only for lack of  
quantity, the quality being undurpos-  
ed. Why are not a few Etruscan  
vases, & Japanese articles as good  
as acres of them? - & curious jewels, &  
old watches etc? Then in other rooms  
the quantity is not wanting. There must  
be between 500 & 1000 rather Greek  
lamps, that looked strikingly like  
collecting in the Louvre. The begin-  
ning of the picture collection too is al-  
together encouraging. Titian! Pinturicchio!  
Giordano! & a little "unknown", that  
is a beauty. - Rubens, Jordans, Cor-  
reggio, really by these masters or not,  
they are good pictures. & The collection  
of Moderns is very interesting. That &  
a little shopping took all day yester-  
day. The day before, Fanny, Eliza  
& I got up before 5 in the morning, &  
went to the Mines up in New Jersey.

The day was perfect, as soon as the  
morning mists cleared away. The  
country up there is almost mountainous.  
The autumn tints true in perfection,  
& again I wished for you all day  
long. Arthur explained the great  
machinery for crushing the rocks  
& separating the ore. & He & Mary  
went to the bottom of a mine 180  
feet down. I did not go having heard  
that the getting out again was worse  
than climbing Trinity Church steeple.  
We took our lunch under the trees,  
& after wandering about awhile took the  
train again at 2 o'clock. It is a  
2½ hour ride.

Wednesday, Aunt & I spent a good  
part of the day in getting to Orange  
to see Louisa Riley & her baby. &  
then had only ½ an hour to stay  
there.

Arthur has returned from Albany &  
brought Aunt Shaw with him. Two of



her nieces are here too, & Miss Child.  
So we have a house full of women.  
Julia Tibbons made one more at the  
dinner table. She wanted to know all  
about you. - I have not seen Fidelia  
yet. In fact have not had a minute  
for making calls: Shall make a business  
of it next week. I have seen but  
little of Louise, & I am sorry to say that  
she has had another hemorrhage, & more  
serious one I think than the first. It was  
yesterday morning, & when I was there  
today I noticed that she still raised  
blood.

How fortunate for Mary Ann that the  
fire came so late that it could not affect  
the child, since it did not endanger her  
safe delivery - or rather did not prevent  
it: The danger must have been great.  
And your mother too. I wonder that  
it did not make her sick.

If it were not that I believe them to be  
out of our reach, I should combat your  
preference for the lower part of Beacon

& Park Streets. Didn't you forget that  
they would be as noisy almost as Tremont  
St itself, or Charles? - A place where one  
could hear conversation, or reading aloud  
with the windows open, without any tire some  
strain of the ears will satisfy me.

Good night; my dearest; - I have written  
all this tonight, for Company promises  
for tomorrow. but I shall add a line.  
Good night; Sleep sweetly all night.  
Love - I kiss your eyes then, & your  
dear hair - My love.

Monday. A. M. We are very anxious  
about Louisa today. She has had hem-  
orrhage three times since yesterday  
morning. I don't know yet what the  
doctor thinks about her. Poor Aunt  
felt so sad about her last night  
that she could not stay in the room  
with all the Company. Mr. Wm. Mans  
was here to tea, & as entertaining as  
usual. & full of information.

Emma Betts called in the afternoon  
with her beautiful baby. He is a  
charming little fellow. Coming out



of Church yesterday I met Miss Lizzy  
Bridges, & Mrs Richards. The latter al-  
most buried in adipose. I succeeded  
by a violent effort, in ~~of~~ humoring her  
identity before she gave her name.  
She is staying at Fidelia's & I shall  
try to see her there this p. m.

The storm that has been threaten-  
ing since Friday, broke last night  
in rain & sleet. A warm storm.  
We all fly from the room where by  
mistake the fire was lighted this  
morning.

Two weeks today. & it will be al-  
most two weeks longer. Father is  
going on the last of this month.  
Give best love to Sarah & your Mother.  
I trust the case is all right now, the  
last obstacle overcome, & my love, &  
all in working order to go happily  
to the end -

Hope you got a <sup>plan</sup> model for working the  
case that I sent last Friday.